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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION COMPRISING CARNITINE OR

ALKANOYL L-CARNITINE FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF

DISEASES BROUGHT ABOUT BY LIPID METABOLISM DISORDERS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 11, 2002, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 11 as follows:

- --11. (Twice amended) A composition comprising:
- (i) a first component selected from the group consisting of acetyl L-carnitine, a salt thereof and an ester thereof; and
- (ii) a second component selected from the group consisting of a hydroxycitric acid and a hydroxycitric acid derivative.

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